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SUBJECT:MINNESOTA GALLERY ART EXCHANGE

REF: A) MOSCOW 17864 B) MOSCOW 18308 C) MOSCOW 18429

1. SOVIET CULTURAL COUNSELOR DYUZHEV HAS INFORMED SCHIS-
SLER OF SHIPMENT SCHEDULE AS FOLLOWS:
A; GRAPHICS (ON PAPER) VIA SU 315 TO NEW YORK, AUGUST 15;
B) OILS VIA SU 315 TO NEW YORK AUGUST 23;
C) LARGE OILS VIA CARGO FLIGHTS TO WESTERN EUROPE (PROB-
ABLY PARIS) AND ONWARD VIA WESTERN CARRIER, AUGUST 22.
DYUZHEV WAS NOT CERTAIN WHETHER CRAFTED DECORATION ITEMS
WILL COME WITH SHIPMENT "B", BUT THOUGHT THEY WOULD. GAL-
LERY AND DEPARTMENT WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF EMBASSY COULD CON-
FIRM SHIPMENT DATES AND CONTENTS AND ADVISE OF BL NUMBERS
AS SOON AS AVAILABLE. ALSO, PLEASE REMIND MINCULT OF NEED
TO ATTACH "LETTER OF AUTHENTICITY" TO EACH CRATE DECLARING
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WITH SCHISSLER.

2. DYUZHEV FURNISHED NAMES OF FOUR CONSERVATORS TO AC-
COMPANY SHIPMENTS AS FOLLOWS: A) SAKHAROVA; B) PRINTSEVA
AND KOSHLEVA; C) ASTAFEV . IN THIS REGARD, PLEASE REMIND
MINCULT THAT SCHISSLER AND BUTROVA AGREED ON THREE CON-

SERVATORS WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT ONE WOULD RETURN TO THE USSR WITHIN TEN DAYS. GALLERY WOULD AGREE TO PAY EXPENSES FOR FOURTH CURATOR, BUT INSISTS THAT TWO DEPART WITHIN TEN DAYS. GALLERY INVITES TWO CONSERVAOTRS TO REMAIN THROUGH EXHIBIT OPENING, RETURNING TO MOSCOW OCTOBER 10 FROM WASHINGTON.

3. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED VISA CABLE (REF B) FOR ASTAF' YEV AND SAKHAROVA REQUESTING 30 DAYS FROM AUGUST 15. IN VIEW OF PARA 2 ABOVE, WE INTEND TO AUTHORIZE TEN DAYS (SEPTTEL), BUT WILL ADD THAT EMBASSY MAY INDICATE ENTRY FOR 57 DAYS IF MINCULT SO REQUESTS AND CAO CONCURS. IMPORTANT THING IS TO DOCUMENT FOUR VISITORS SO THAT TWO STAY 57 DAYS AND TWO LEAVE WITHIN TEN DAYS, WITH MINCULT TO SELECT WHICH STAY FOR LONG AND SHORT VISITS.

4. DYUZHEV OFFERED TO SIGN STATEMENT THAT AMENDMENT TO INDEMNIFICATION ARRANGEMENTS AS PROPOSED BY UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA HAS BEEN ACCEPTED BY INGOSSTRAKH WITH KNOWLEDGE AND APPROVAL OF MINCULT AND RELEASING ALL OTHER PARTIES FROM LIABILITY. IF MINCULT AND INGOSSTRAKH CONCUR, GALLERY WILL ACCEPT STATEMENT IN PLACE OF WRITTEN CONCURRENCE FROM THEM. PLEASE ADVISE.

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